

Buckman Fellowships Awarded



BY HOPE JOHNSON '19
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The Buckman Fellowship was extremely competitive this semester: 30 applications were received this year and only 10 were selected for personal interviews. Of that, just five students were awarded this \$10,000 scholarship.

"We could easily have given twice that number of awards this semester because the applications were simply exceptional. The selection committee agreed that this process made us proud to be associated with Rhodes and its students," the Buckman Center for International Education's Dr. Barron Boyd said.

Recipients for Spring 2017

Will Clinton '19 (far left)

Clinton will travel to study computer science in Budapest, Hungary through AIT-Budapest next semester. He believed this program will help fill in gaps to his Computer Science knowledge and connect him to its large network of connections with major tech companies in Budapest. He will be exposed to exciting real-world applications while living in the heart of downtown Budapest. Clinton was excited to experience the culture of Hungary.

"I believe this experience will lead to personal growth and shape the direction I move within the CS field after graduation. Becoming a Buckman Fellow is an amazing opportunity to further enhance what is already a dream come true for me. I hope winning the fellowship will bring more visibility to my academic and that my cultural experiences in Hungary that will translate to more Rhodes students in majors that are not traditionally associated with the study abroad experience to consider the benefits, both personal and academic, of going out of your comfort zone in the pursuit of knowledge," Clinton said.



India Nikotich '19 (second from left)

Nikotich will travel to Valparaíso, Chile to attend Pontificia Universidad Católica. Her desire to go to Chile came from her interest in poet Pablo Neruda and his book for his wife Matilde, "One Hundred Love Sonnets" (1959). Neruda was a diplomat, journalist, presidential candidate and husband throughout a very politically charged period in Chilean history. Nikotich admired his career as well as his writing style and hoped to gain a greater understanding of his country and Chile's relationship with its people. Chile was the perfect confluence of so many of Nikotich's many interests: history, international relations and poetry. Adamant to utilize her opportunity as a Buckman fellow, Nikotich yearned to further study Chile and South America by meeting locals and exploring places that are commonly overlooked.

"It's a project I've had in the back of my mind for three years now, and I could never have afforded it if I hadn't received the Buckman. Beyond money, though, the Buckman Fellowship also makes me feel like Rhodes truly does take seriously my scholarly interests outside of the classroom—I feel supported and encouraged to pursue what I want to, like I'm being cheered on by people I really admire within our community. I am very, very lucky," Nikotich said.

Cody Stockton '19 (center)

Stockton will be participating in the Language and Culture semester study at the University of Havana in Cuba. His program will include full Spanish language immersion supplemented by numerous cultural activities and excursions. Stockton will take courses in Cuban History, Culture and Spanish. Advancing through his college years, Stockton recognized his interests in International Relations, History and the Spanish language. Since Cuba has



recently opened diplomatic relations with the United States, Stockton found it an ideal location to fuse his academic interests into a semester abroad. Because of its long and tumultuous relations with the U.S., Americans have viewed Cuba as an oppressive socialist state. Some natives, however, regard the government as a tireless advocate of the marginalized. Stockton believed one of the most important traits of a historical scholar is the understanding of nuance. With this in mind, the Language and Culture semester in Havana will enable him to delve into the complexity of this divided opinion by allowing him to experience Cuban culture first-hand.

"The Buckman Fellowship has not only made study abroad financially feasible, but provides an opportunity for me to represent Rhodes College as an informed global-minded citizen. I'm honored to be named a Buckman Fellow and look forward to returning to campus next fall to share my experience," Stockton said.

Mary Cat Cleavinger '19 (second from right)

Cleavinger will be travelling to Tunisia next semester to study migration politics—particularly, how the intersection of politics, religion and geography affect migration. Her study in Tunisia will focus on the circumstances leading to emigration while her study in Italy will focus on the policy of countries accepting immigrants and reasons why countries hesitate to do so. This past spring, Cleavinger took "Women in World Politics" with Professor Risely and performed a case study involving the Tunisian constitution. This project immediately sparked her interest in the country. With an interest in the politics of the Middle East, Cleavinger realized that Tunisia would be an interesting place because it founded the Arab Spring and became the sole country to be considered successful in its revolu-



tion. Tunisia had such a broad history of inclusionary female legislation and Cleavinger hoped to research the challenges women face in Tunisia Post-Arab Spring in her program's required independent study.

"Getting the Buckman is obviously a financial relief but comes with the extra distinction of having to represent Rhodes abroad and act as a channel between Tunisia and America. Tunisia is definitely not your most common study abroad destination so I think it is even more important to share my experiences and dispel any stigmas about the region," Cleavinger said.

Ryan Rosenkrantz '19 (far right)

Rosenkrantz will be travelling to Finland next semester to study at the University of Jyväskylä—a school founded as a teacher training college.

"The additional Buckman funding will allow me to travel within Finland to learn more about schools in different areas of the country. I hope to use my professors to connect me to other professors and I plan to eagerly reach out to various professors as well," Rosenkrantz said.

While interested in Finnish education, Rosenkrantz has been primarily interested in discipline. At the Rhodes institute this summer, Rosenkrantz focused on the school-to-prison pipeline as well as exclusionary discipline in Memphis-area elementary schools. As he continues to have conversations with U.S. school boards, Rosenkrantz believes getting an international perspective will prove beneficial to his endeavor. Rosenkrantz was excited to have received the Buckman to add legitimacy to Rhodes's new Education major, Honors Society and Master's program. He hopes to use his status as a Buckman fellow to highlight the policy track inside the Education major to other prospective students.

NEWS, CONT'D

Meet Ms. and Mr. Rhodes

BY RAMIZ SOMJEE '21
STAFF WRITER

Thomas Mitchell '18 and Raven Burks '18 were announced as the newest Mr. and Ms. Rhodes at the Homecoming football game last Saturday. The two were nominated to the Homecoming Court by fellow students and then voted as the winners by the student body. This year's court also included seniors Laurie Williams, Tia Schlesinger, Caleb Fowler, McKenna Davis, Jeremy Bredan and Frances Carlota.

Burks and Mitchell have both been deeply engaged with the Rhodes community throughout their college experience.

"I'm from Memphis, Tennessee. I graduated from Germantown High School if that matters to any of you all. I'm an AKA, an RA and a Clarence Day Scholar. I was involved with Best Buddies and the BSA really strongly last year," Burks said.

Now the president of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Burks was initially drawn to the sorority for their dedication to service.

"I wanted to be part of a sorority for sisterhood but I also wanted to be part of one for service. I was able to volunteer with them my freshman year at St. Jude so they left a really good impression. I jumped on that when they offered intake the fall of my junior year."

As a senior, Burks was able to comment on how the Rhodes community has changed since her first year at Rhodes. She acknowledged tensions surrounding campus around the 2016 presidential election and how the student body has reacted since.

"I've noticed how different organizations have stepped-up and changed to reflect how the students' focuses have changed: you've had the introduction of new organizations such as the Latinx Student Association," Burks said. "And I feel like the introduction of President

Hass has changed the culture."

After Rhodes, Burks plans to attend law school.

"Currently I am studying for the LSAT...I'll be taking it again on December 2. Wish me luck y'all. I'm planning to enroll in law school for the fall of 2018."

Mr. Rhodes, Thomas Mitchell, was raised in Knoxville, Tennessee. As the President of Rhodes Student Government, Mitchell's name has been heard often around campus but his involvement does not stop there.

"I do many other things on campus: I'm a Bonner Scholar, serve as partnerships coordinator for the Bonner office, am a member of BSA and attend a lot of other clubs' big events. That being said, by virtue of being President, I don't have the biggest say in who I am on campus. Rightly or wrongly, people's perception of the role defines who I am here."

Having now found his place amongst

the Rhodes community, Mitchell reflected upon his first experiences with the college as a prospective student.

"I'm not really sure how I found out about Rhodes but I visited three or four times. Each time I went home thinking that this was the place for me. A lot of folks don't pay attention to it but there's a quote on the back of the Diehl statue that really speaks to the way that I feel about Rhodes on its best days."

In his senior year, Mitchell hopes that he will one day come back to Rhodes having accomplished even more than he has now.

"I think I'd be shooting myself in the foot if I said I had a 'defining moment' right now. I like to think that I'll come back to Rhodes one day. If I do, I think that return may be my 'defining moment.'"

Heads Did Roll at Lettuce Club

BY RYLAN LORANCE '21
STAFF WRITER

The rules of the Lettuce Club were simple:

1. Bring your own head of lettuce (it was on your honor to bring a fair size.)
2. Dressing will be allowed.
3. Whoever finishes their head of lettuce first will become the Lettuce Club President, to continue on the tradition the following year.

The Lettuce Club held their first annual meeting in a dorm room inside West Village. There were a few brave

contestants and numerous spectators. The attendees patiently waited for the clock to start as they compared their different strategies. Some chose dressing, others decided it would take up valuable stomach-room.

The clock started. The contestants began to eat their lettuce—trying to be the fastest one to consume the leafy greens. Some students took bites straight out of the lettuce head. Others tore individual pieces and stuffed their mouth. Fans cheered and urged on the contestants. The contestants all eagerly devoured their head of lettuce as the floor became

littered with stray shredded leaves. J.D. Deming '20 emerged victorious.

"Well it's obviously quite an honor to be the head of such a prestigious club at Rhodes. Spencer Beckman started it this year as a way to bring people together, and it speaks to the strength of the community that upwards of 25 people showed up to a dorm room to eat heads of lettuce. Lettuce let us come together," said honorable lettuce club President J.D. Deming. "When I heard the song 'Thunder' by AC/DC come on at the beginning, I knew I was gonna have to go hard on the lettuce head,

so I started chomping leaves down as fast as I could. By the end, my jaw was so tired I couldn't even chew anymore on my own and I was using my hand to work my jaw. It was a fabulous event."

Rhodes Lettuce Club came into existence because it can. It will likely continue in years to come, because that is just who Rhodes students are. Competitive lettuce eating has found its way into the multitude of strange rituals to which Rhodes grows attached.

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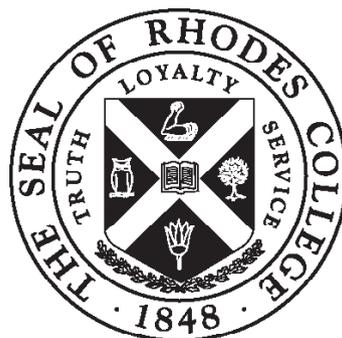
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WITHIN THE GATES

UN Day's UNBelievable Speaker, Rajita Sanji

BY NOAH MESA '21
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To celebrate United Nations Day, UNA-USA (United Nations Association of the United States of America) Development Associate Rajita Sanji spoke to students on Oct. 24 about this year's theme—Global Goals, Local Leaders.

The event was hosted by Rhodes's own GenUN chapter led by Jenna Gilley '20. During her talk, Sanji summarized the major developments of the past year. She first analyzed the onslaught of global natural disasters and the ensuing displacement of people, such as the Syr-

ian Refugee crisis.

"It seems that everyone is in a different place," Sanji said. "Despite these tragedies, we must take a moment to reflect on the good of 2017. The solar eclipse, strides on gender inequality and increased global cooperation should not be forgotten."

As a Development Associate, Sanji's mission was to "inform, inspire and mobilize the American public in support of the vital mission of the UN." Elements of this mission included ensuring America continues to fund the UN and keeps its seat, partnering with the Adopt-a-Fate organization for worldwide refugee education and achieving

the Sustainable Development Goals all countries agreed to complete by 2030.

To accomplish these tasks, the UN has helped create 60 GenUN campus chapters, contacted nearly 300 congressional staff and created UNA chapters in almost every state. One of Sanji's primary concerns was that young people's passion for helping the UN can often suddenly stop.

"The first challenge we face is to get members that last a lifetime; [who] keep supporting the goals of the UN," Sanji said. "The engagement doesn't end in college."

She asked the audience about how Rhodes students volunteers in Mem-

phis. Organizations like the Food Recovery Network and the Refugee Empowerment program were named to illustrate the impact students have had in their community.

To conclude the meeting, Sanji implored her audience to take action. She recommended several UN fellowship opportunities such as the Youth Blog Director and invited people to come to UN Day (February 23) or the Leadership Summit this summer.

"Join GenUN. It's a great place to start with the UN... to cultivate this network as young networkers to start a Memphis Chapter," Sanji said.

Homecoming and Going

BY KATIE BREWSTER '18
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While Homecoming has been mainly associated with the return of alumni to the Rhodes campus, there were an array of student-led activities this year as well. Due to Halloween weekend and Homecoming overlapping once again this year, many of these activities tried to incorporate them both.

On Oct. 24, Class Council led a pumpkin carving and decorating event in Oak Alley. Despite some peeling paint and broken knives, 50 pumpkins returned to be displayed outside of dorm rooms. Some were decorated in the classic triangle-eyed shape, others tried to make them look like their friends and more than one emblazoned theirs with sharpie drawings and painted shapes.

The next day kicked off with the Rhodes Marketplace, an annual event hosted by Career Services in the Paul Barret, Jr. Library cloister. The Marketplace was an opportunity to buy student-made Rhodes gear, art, handmade crafts and baked goods. The Rhodes Field Hockey team sold wristbands and t-shirts to raise money for the Epilepsy Foundation in honor of Katie Johnson '16 who passed away last month. Career Services also gave away free Chick-fil-a and Muddy's Bake Shop cupcakes to those who attended. Class Council followed the event by bring out a cotton candy machine and outdoor games to Trout Quad.

Class Council hosted a "Spirit Stick Scavenger Hunt" on Thursday. Students

could scan a QR code posted on Facebook to find the first clue: "The next clue is located where you might satisfy your hunger, and then regret it moments afterward. No need to walk far, as the clue is next to the device that created it." Following the clues would take you to four more locations until you reached the hiding spot of the "Spirit Stick." As the first person to reach the end, John McArthur '20 received a gift card courtesy of The Arcade Restaurant.

The festivities on Friday were damped by a relentless storm which chilled the air for the rest of the weekend. Those brave enough to weather the storm were able to attend the Rhodes Activities Board concert in Craddock Quad. The night began with po boys from Fresh Gulf Shrimp food truck sponsored by Class Council. Student band Trezevant—Max Kaplan '19, Griffin Rone '19 and Scott Hale '20—opened the show for country singer and songwriter Troy Cartwright. Cartwright was featured on Rolling Stones' 2017 "Top 10 Country Artists You Need to Know." RAB hosted a tailgate with free food and games in the same space during Homecoming, accompanied by other organizations such as Kinney Mentoring and Education, Class Council and Rhodes Student Government.

When the Saturday of Homecoming arrived and alumni spilled into campus, students lined up to participate in the annual Homecoming parade. Because Rhodes has neither a marching band nor cheerleaders, Trezevant—the student band who performed the night before—led the parade. This was man-

aged by lifting a set of drums into a U-Haul, connecting their guitars and microphones to a generator and pulling their truck very carefully along the parade route.

All of the parade's participants were instructed to create decorations that best embody their organization. President Hass in her first-ever Rhodes Homecoming parade rode in a decked out "Lynx Limo"—a golf cart covered in pom-poms, red beads and balloons. All of the Panhellenic sororities and most of the IFC fraternities decorated U-Haul trailers. Many of the sororities decorated their floats in honor of "100 Years of Women" including Chi Omega with a Rosie the Riveter theme. Tri Delta won "Most Spirited"—and its accompanying large golden trophy—for their "No Place Like Hope" float styled after the Wizard of Oz and dedicated in honor of St. Jude. Whereas most of the fraternities merely stood in an empty trailer and waved their fraternity's flag, Sigma Nu upped the ante with a Scooby Doo Mystery Machine design.

The Rhodes Student Government decided to make a statement with their float this year. A sign stating "Unfinished Business" draped over the side and students held signs saying "We need a student union!" The topic has been a source of contention over the last few years, especially since the conversion of Briggs into a computer science building has left students organizations without a space to meet.

Other groups chose to carry a banner and walk the parade route. The football team, accompanied by Leroy the Lynx,

marched towards the field carrying their trophy. The Black Student Association, one of the groups with the most participants in the parade, marched with a large banner with the theme "Down the Integrated Rhodes."

Rhodes' improvisational comedy group CUP rode in a red balloon covered convertible. They advertised their "Halloween/Homecoming Show" which they performed that night at 10 p.m. Similarly, the Society of Physics Students dragged a wagon filled with pumpkins and decorated with cutouts of zombies to advertise their event of the night—the annual Pumpkin Drop. SPS invited members of the Rhodes community to watch exciting Physics demonstrations such as the event's namesake: freezing pumpkins and dropping them from five stories up.

For the next few hours, current students reunited with graduates at the fraternity house and prepped for the game despite the 40 degree weather. At 2 p.m. the football game against Sewanee began among the shouts of "Sewanee is wrong" by students in the crowd. The game culminated in a 28-10 win for the Lynx.

At halftime, President Hass and 2018 Class Council President Savannah Webb announced the winners from among the Class of 2018 Homecoming Court: Laurie Williams, Tia Schlesinger, Caleb Fowler, McKenna Davis, Jeremy Breddan, Frances Carlota, Thomas Mitchell and Raven Burks. Mitchell and Burks were revealed to have been voted as the new Mr. and Miss. Rhodes by the student body.

WITHIN THE GATES

WOMEN *of* RHODES

BY KATIE BREWSTER '18
CHIEF COPY EDITOR

When President Hass arrived at Rhodes and saw that the college would be celebrating 100 years of women, she decided to look back at the records from the time period. There was back-patting and self-congratulations from the board of trustees when the decision was made to admit women but they reasoned women “would never be more than 10% of the class.” She went on to look at the records from 1964, the year African-American students were admitted into Rhodes. That decision stipulated although students of color could be admitted, they could only be non-residential since white women lived on campus.

“Our pride must come with the recognition of our complicated histories,” Hass said. “The power we have now should be in the service of justice.”

In that vein, Alumni Relations put together a special Women in Leadership Panel during Homecoming. Hass served as the moderator for esteemed alumni panelists Sally Jones Heinz '81, Sidonie Sansom '82, Sandra W. Shelton '76 and Jocelyn Dan Wurzburg '62.

President Hass began by explaining her own background. To become both the first female and the first Jewish President of Rhodes she had to overcome adversity. When her son was born while she was still in graduate school, she had to balance being a nursing mom and dedicated student. This struggle struck a chord with Wurzburg, the only Jewish student during her time at Rhodes who also married before her Junior year. Once she had a child, she had to work her class schedule around childcare.

“They asked what I was majoring in and I said ‘Monday, Wednesday and Friday,’” Wurzburg said.

Other than a female dance instructor, who called her fat, none of her professors or instructors were women. Despite these difficulties, and because of them, Wurzburg became a powerhouse for civil rights and feminist activism. When asked about her Rhodes experience overall, Wurzburg spoke positively about how it broadened her worldview.

The women had a variety of favorite

experiences at Rhodes. Shelton found her 8 a.m. Economy class to be the “most challenging and most rewarding” she ever took. Shelton has continued to engage in academia as the KPMG/Neil F. Casson Endowed Professor of Accountancy and Director of the Internal Auditing Program at DePaul University. She received her Ph.D. in Accounting from The University of Wisconsin-Madison where she was their first black student in over 18 years. When people stared and told her she did not belong there, it was hard to tell if they meant because she was Black, a woman or both. She has since become deeply engaged with the PhD Project, a nonprofit organization that acts as a catalyst for African Americans, Hispanic Americans and Native Americans to return to academia to earn their doctorates.

One of President Hass' most pertinent questions to today's news was about the “Me too.” campaign to shed light on the magnitude of sexual harassment. While none of the woman said they had personally been a victim of sexual assault, they all experienced harassment due to their gender. Sansom served as an active duty Coast Guard officer for 20 years as the first female Aviation Officer. She was put in charge of air crews sent to the vessel Polar Sea in the Antarctic and was the first to command an all-female flight crew. She said throughout her career it was gratifying to see women who looked up to her but distressing to see some men who never got used to having to work for her.

“Well, in the end, when you go to rescue someone they never say ‘put me back down, I want the next helicopter,’” Sansom said.

After questioning the group as a whole, President Hass proceeded to ask questions aimed at specific panelists. Heinz grew up in Midtown while her father was dean of Rhodes. She has since served in executive positions at Memphis Heritage, Robert F. Sharpe and Co., Memphis Brooks Museum of Art and even as Director of Alumni and Director of Publications at Rhodes College. Presently, Heinz has been working as the President and CEO of Metropolitan Inter-Faith Association.

“As a lifelong Memphian and com-

munity leader, what do you suggest current Rhodes women, well everyone—Rhodes-sters as I liked to call us—but also Rhodes women in particular do to help advance the city both during college and after graduation?” President Hass asked.

Heinz responded she was eager for the next generation of nonprofit leaders to rise up. She stressed making philanthropy part of your life and career can be essential to making a difference. She said it does not matter whether it is a financial gift, delivering meals or serving on boards.

“You start thinking ‘I’m helping these people who are not just like me’ but then you started to see you have more in common than you thought. I see service and philanthropy as such powerful community-building tools,” Heinz said.

Hass' question to Sansom revolved around whether men and women have different leadership styles. As well as being a pilot in the Coast Guard, Sansom has served as the Director of Homeland Security at the Port of San Francisco and is currently the Transbay Joint Powers Authority Chief Security Officer. She affirmed that leadership styles often differ between people and clarified she has had explicit leadership training.

“Good leaders are made, they're not born,” Sansom said. “I do think women and men behave differently. I see women being a lot more inclusive.”

She pointed to the importance of this as Artificial Intelligence emerges. She saw an ability to interact well with other people as what humans can do that AI cannot. Though she had the “51% vote,” she always listened to what her crew had to say because their opinions mattered to her.

For Shelton, both President Hass' line of questioning as well as a student's during the final Q&A portion stemmed from Shelton's work advocating for the inclusion of faculty of color. When asked what she said to her mentees, she had tough advice.

“The struggle is real,” Shelton said. “You will face hurdles that you must rise above... And the only way you can overcome bias is through excellence.”

Based on the number of exclamations

of “I want to be her best friend!” heard at the reception afterwards, Wurzburg was the most popular speaker of the night. After Dr. King was assassinated in 1968, she started the Memphis Panel of American Women to facilitate racial reconciliation. She led a women's march on City Hall demanding the city avert a second sanitation workers' strike. This led to her appointment to the Tennessee Human Rights Commission where she wrote Tennessee's first anti-discrimination law covering employment and public accommodations. She then went to law school and became Memphis' first professional mediator. In '07, Governor Bredesen re-appointed Wurzburg to the Tennessee Human Rights Commission where she helped enforce a law she wrote 45 years ago. Since then she has acted as a mentor to combat issues of mass incarceration.

Wurzburg spoke to the progresses she has seen during her time as an activist and the biggest problems still facing the nation today. She pointed out how she lived under Jim Crow and now sees integrated relationships. But there will still be glass ceilings for women so long as there is not equity in corporations and not enough women running for office.

“I see women not running because we see what it takes to run. What you have to raise money on and what you have to spend it for. It's just such a dumbass use that it absolutely galls us,” Wurzburg said.

“Oh so it's not because we see the male leaders and we're like ‘oh they're just so good we could never do it?’” Hass asked.

Wurzburg encouraged the women in the audience to stand strong in their faith in their abilities.

“You are here because you are competent. And believe me, I am a distinguished alumni of a school I could no more get into today with Rhodes' high standards. And I'm considered one of the good alums!”

Wurzburg's closing piece of advice to enact change was met with a resounding “Amen” from the rest of the panel: “Vote.”

BEYOND THE GATES

Exploring Memphis Through Food: The Dirty Crow Inn



BY SAM BROWN '21
STAFF WRITER

Before I begin my review of Memphis dive bar The Dirty Crow Inn, it is only right I pay tribute to one of the original foodie boys who—due to a tragic conflict—could not dine with me this week. Jacob Greenberg '21 had a passion for food unlike anyone I had ever met before. He breathed new life into the dining experience—showing me restaurants and dishes that elevated my culinary education to a new level. Jacob Greenberg ate with the best of them and it is a modern tragedy to see him lay down the fork. I think all of us in

the food community can say with confidence that the game will never be the same without Jacob.

Without Jacob, a native Memphian, it was difficult for me to find a cool restaurant to go enjoy and review. I consulted fellow lovers of food, Katie Brewster '18 and Warren Socher '19, who directed my taste buds to The Dirty Crow Inn—a dive bar roughly fifteen minutes from campus. Immediately after entering the door, I was taken aback by the atmosphere of the place. The inside was about the size of an average classroom. The walls and the ceiling were completely covered in Memphis-themed wall art—so much that the wall itself

was barely visible. I then noticed the outside patio, which was distinctly larger. A guitarist was singing and playing some blues and I knew then I was in for a treat.

The Dirty Crow Inn is known for their signature wings, boasting flavors such as Soy Ginger, Sriracha Honey and Chan's Lemon Pepper. The menu, however, also included other typical sports bar items like burgers and chicken fingers. As a wing-lover, the decision was easy for me. I opted for an order of the Sriracha Honey wings with a side of fries. The wings could come in either a small or large portion. With a false sense of confidence in my eating

abilities, I selected the large. It was not the number of wings that caused my defeat but the sheer size of them. The wings were enormous but do not let that dissuade you from ordering them; they were without a doubt some of the best I have ever had. My taste buds were rocked by this dish. The nice balance of spicy and sweet guaranteed I will go back to try other flavors in the future.

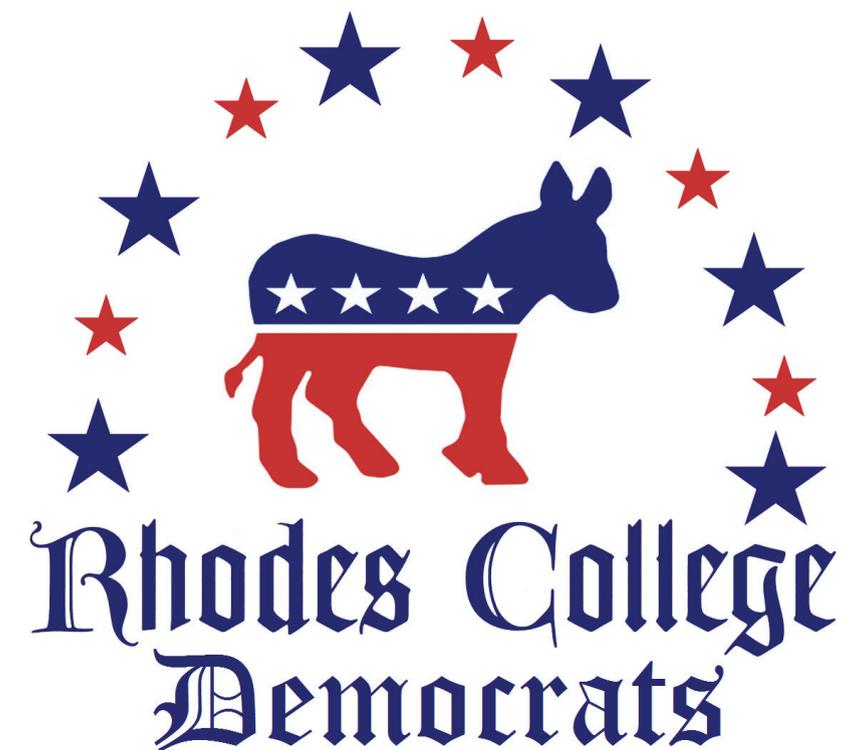
The Dirty Crow Inn could be a great hangout spot for a Rhodes student. Whether it be to watch the game or get a late night bite, The Dirty Crow Inn is a relatively cheap and very cool spot to hang out and munch on delicious food. For this reason, I give it 4.5/5 stars.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Honest Tax Reform



By BRANDON JOHNSON '19
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PRESIDENT

The current issue of tax reform has like most issues inspired us to take sides. Before I take my side I would like to request one thing from my Republican friends when they make the argument on tax reform: please be honest.

When you make your case before the American people, please tell them that the massive tax cuts and the reduced tax brackets are simply for three groups: the wealthy, large corporations and your donors. Don't tell America that you are cutting taxes for the average middle class family. The typical calling card from the current administration is that the average family will get a \$4000 tax cut. However, that number is just based on pure arithmetic. The actual tax

breaks go to the top 1% of Americans who benefit from a repeal of the estate tax. The one percent benefit from a reduction in a reduction in the top corporate tax rate from 35% to 20%. The one percent benefit from a reduction of the tax brackets from six to three. And it is important for the American people to understand that this growth will not necessarily trickle down to them. A reduction in corporate tax rates will not necessarily lead to higher wages for the middle class. So to my Republican friends, just be honest to the American people. These tax cuts are specifically for the wealthy and no one else.

As for which side I'm on it is relatively straight-forward. I am firmly in the #NotOnePenny camp. The government should not provide one penny in tax cuts or other benefits for other corporations until the following ob-

jectives are met. The first objective is to adequately fund our public school system, including our public colleges and universities. Families should be able to send their kids to a good school regardless of their zip code and should not have to go bankrupt to send their college. The second objective is the creation of secure, family wage jobs. The minimum wage should be a living wage of \$15/hour. And corporations should share their profits with their workers. The third objective is we need to rebuild our nation's infrastructure. We can create millions of jobs by publicly funding an infrastructure bill that fixes our roads, our bridges, our airports, our sewage systems, and restoring broadband to our rural communities. The fourth objective is the investment in renewable energy. We shouldn't be giving tax breaks to oil companies who already

rake in enormous profits. We should be giving tax breaks and subsidies to the future of energy so that we can meet our energy demands at a lower cost to consumers and our environment. And lastly our objective should be to provide affordable, quality healthcare for all. Families should not have to fear that their healthcare will be taken away from them. They should instead have a government that strengthens their healthcare and expands it. These objectives should be the first priority in any budget or tax bill that goes to Donald Trump's desk for a signature. If there is money left over then perhaps we can reduce taxes for corporations and the wealthy. But the middle class must always come first.

Hello there!

For the rest of the academic year you will notice some political discourse in our Letters to the Editor section of the paper. Each month, Rhodes College Republicans and Rhodes College Democrats will select a topic to discuss for the entire month. They will take turns and write into the paper every other week—responding to what the other organization had written the week prior. For the month of November, the two organizations will be discussing tax reform. We encourage you to respond to their discourse in a letter as well. Letters can be submitted to rhodesnews@gmail.com.

-The Editors

SPORTS

WE BEAT SEWANEE!



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Rhodes and Sewanee have been playing against one another for over 80 years which makes it one of the longest college rivalries in college football. Falling during Homecoming Week, the latest game became one of the most attended of the year as fans flocked to Crain Field to prepare to watch the Lynx take on the Tigers. As the team marched through the parade listening

to the cheers of students and alumni, it was clear the Lynx football team understood the importance of this game. Rhodes had a 3-4 record compared to Sewanee's 0-4, making spirits hopeful as the fans prepared to watch the team take on the Sewanee Tigers.

The game opened up with a strong first quarter. Rhodes secured two touchdowns from Carter King '20 and PJ Settles '19. The strength of the first quarter was due in part to an aggressive offense and a strong defense which

prevented Sewanee from getting any points on the board throughout the first half of the game. There were also two important interceptions made by the defense, completed by Micah Battle '21 and Eric Monroe '20.

The Lynx's success was in part due to the Tiger's inability to hold off the defense. The Lynx pushed back onto the defense, were able to accomplish multiple sacks and prevented them from moving down the field to score a touchdown. By the end of the game, the Lynx

had scored 4 touchdowns whereas the tigers had only been able to score a single touchdown and kick.

It was an unseasonably cold day in Memphis this Saturday but that did not stop the fans from loudly cheering on the Lynx as they brutally took down rival Sewanee. This momentum is exactly what the team will need in their next game against Hendricks—a team with a more challenging 6-2 record.

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The Tale of Hoco and the Mysterious Juul

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Last Saturday at a typical on-campus fraternity house gathering, the energy was right but the vibe seemed a bit off.

"I just knew something felt tangibly strange, weirdly quiet," reported Sheff Baumhoser at Saturday's gathering.

As the first few cold cans were demolished by the bros and the nicotine cravings began to settle in, nobody had popped the question that would either make or ruin the night.

"Cigs inside?"

Instead, during intermittent lapses of mere seconds before the next sip of Pilsner Piss, the good 'ol boys would reach into their pockets and pull out a black stick which would light up as they inhaled and exhaled vapor. Friends approached them brazenly and ardently requested to "hit that juul" to which the owner cordially responded "bet."

This is only one instance of the new increasingly troubling campus climate. Now that the cigs inside movement within frat houses has died out, a new movement has emerged to fumigate every single possible indoor space with the magic juul. Frequently, students in the library will see a cloudy haze accumulate in the study rooms as business students take the edge off while grinding on a quantized cross-analysis financial accounting theory exam.

If this seems like a widespread epidemic, perhaps it has actually become socially entrenched at Rhodes. These little vapes have become the center of social interactions as students commonly engage in "bool 'n juul" sessions. The Rhodes bookstore is pushing under the counter juul pods but only in peach cream flavor. However, you must use the audibly obscure password, "Would juul like to sell me the secret vape juice pods?" Juuls are sold at half price with a quarter-zip pastel pullover in the Vineyard Vines fall collection catalogue.

In summation, this situation has two sides. For one, the juul has turned nicotine addiction extremely trendy. Secondly, on the brighter side, at least fewer people are ripping cigs.

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Double-tapping Your Way to Disaster

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It's 2 A.M. You've been scrolling through the Instagram of your ex, your enemy or that weird cousin you avoid at family reunions. Suddenly, the worst possible thing occurs. Your swipe turned into a double tap and you've liked a photo from the distant past. We've all been there. Don't panic. You have a couple of different routes out of this situation.

Before you do anything else, stop yourself from immediately unliking the photo and hoping they don't see the notification. This is a completely useless step to take and will make no difference in your overall attempt to conceal your mistake.

Your first option in remedying this situation is to go all in. Like every single one of their photos. Make sure you're friends with them on all other social media platforms so that you can then proceed to like all of their posts on all of their accounts. If any posts seem to stand out to you, feel free to comment and let them know what you like about it! Then, most importantly, message them and offer thoughts and suggestions on how to improve their social media presence. Now everyone will see that your first like was not an accident but part of your larger efforts in helping others improve their online image.

If the first option is a little too extreme for you, here's something a little more mild. Contact the witness protection program. They have a division specifically for people like you. Simply call them up and tell them that you've witnessed a murder (your own) and they'll whisk you away to Antarctica (where Instagram and all other forms of social media don't exist.) You'll quickly acclimate to the below freezing temperatures and assimilate into a colony of penguins. Your newly-found penguin family will be so adorable and delightful that you couldn't possibly fixate on the fact on that you liked someone's photo from four and a half years ago.